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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the outstanding Restriction Requirement mailed June 18, 2008, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-15, with traverse. Applicants have not elected a species for examination as Group A and Group B does not fall within Group I. Applicants traverse this restriction and respectfully request the rejoinder of method claims 16-27. Since the device and method claims are linked by a special technical feature, there should be no undue burden on the Examiner to search both the device and method claims.

Applicants acknowledge reference to U.S. Patent No. 7,141,416 to Krutzik et al. and reserve comment on this reference if and when a *prima facie* argument of unpatentability is presented with respect to this reference.

A petition for a one-month extension of time is attached. Should any further fees be required by the present Reply, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to debit or credit Deposit Account 19-4293.

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